

A Statement Of Endeavour

Before even a "start" is attempted on another important portion of Gladstone's long and interesting history a few things should be made clear:

It is our hope and endeavour to reprint from the old "Ages" month by month, the happenings of 100 years ago in Gladstone. In that way the "100 years ago" theme will carry along for the full 6 yrs. (or the 72 pamphlets) comprising the "Moodie Years."

Of course, to be considered are a few "ifs", "ands", or "buts"; in fact "fourscore" is a worry-some word also.

Some other important factors come to mind, too: (1) Sound health, as it takes 10 to 12 days to assemble & print each "Chapter," - & costs. (2) The labor we can contend with (hopefully) but the costs - "No!" In other words sufficient revenue must come in to at least cover out-of-pocket expenses, or it's "no go". If 50 regular customers 'sign up' we'll give it a whirl; (3) But no promises are made; interested readers will pay only as they read, so no one will be out regardless of what happens; (4) The price per monthly issue will be \$2.00, mailing included.

As readers of this issue will see it contains several pictures. If the series is continued it is intended to have 4 - 5 pages thus devoted. Our "foreword" in the "Down Thro' the 'Ages' book, expressed the hope and intention of continuing to reproduce as many of the old pictures as possible. This seems like a good way.

That's it, folks! That's our "hope" & "endeavour." It's up to you history-minded buffs. If there are not enough of you, "thanks" and "good-bye."

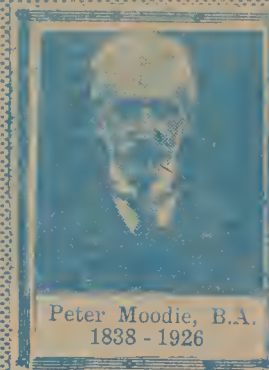
Hope to hear from you-all.

FURTHERMORE . . .

This little column is planned for some short comments from issue to issue. Perhaps even 'briefs' about "1984," etc., for a "then and now" effect.

In this issue we'd like to explain the spread on Page 2. It's a reprint of the centrefold from the booklet "1884" published by the Age Press in 1943, to commemorate in a small way the "60th" anniversary of the "Age." All items in that booklet are to be reprinted in this present undertaking, and much, much more, added.

The Moodie Years — 1884 to 1890



Peter Moodie, B.A.
1838 - 1926

GLADSTONE

100 Years Ago

January

1884

Peter and John Moodie -- Founders of "The Gladstone Age" -- 1883

Little is known about the lives of Peter and John Moodie, the founders of the Gladstone Age. Neither ever married and so there were no direct descendants to keep their memory alive. The small amount of information we have been able to gather has been from their nephew and neice, Mr. John Bruce of Helston, and Miss L. Bruce, of Saskatoon. We are indebted to them for the following:

Peter Moodie was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1838, and John two years later. Peter studied for the ministry but owing to ill-health had to give it up shortly before graduating. Seeking a change of climate, he, accompanied by his brother came to Canada. This would be in the year 1870 it is thought. Very little is known about them during their sojourn in Ontario, but it is known that Peter came to live with the James Broadfoot family a year or so before Mr. Broadfoot came west to the Palestine district in 1872. Peter accompanied him, and was therefore among the first few pioneers to come into the district of Palestine. A picture showing them at the corner of Portage and Main St., Winnipeg, can be seen in this booklet. John Moodie came out to join his brother the following year. Both took up homesteads, Peter's being in the Dead Lake district, while John's was in the Livingstone district. Peter was the first school teacher in the settlement serving in that capacity until such time as the population grew enough to warrant engaging a regular teacher.

John was a printer by trade, having been apprenticed to it in Scotland. He was also employed by the Free Press in Winnipeg for some years, but just when is not known. When Gladstone's first newspaper, "The Gladstone News and Westbourne County Farmer", closed down in 1882, Peter and John must have got together and decided to combine the one's learning and skill in writing with the other's knowledge of the printing business. Anyway, on



JOHN (left) AND PETER MOODIE

This picture was taken of the Moodie brothers before they left Scotland to make their home in Ontario. Peter would then be studying for the ministry, which he later had to give up for the sake of his health. They arrived in Ontario about 1870, where they lived and worked until 1872 and 1873 respectively, when they joined the pioneers to the opening west, and took up homesteads in the new Palestine settlement. Ten years later, in 1883, shortly after the settlement became known as the Town of Gladstone, they started up the Gladstone Age, in the Moodie Block on Morris Ave. They kept up continuous publication until January 1890, when they were forced to cease publication.

May 1st, 1883, the first issue of the Gladstone Age came off the press. Mr. John Bruce can remember just faintly when some of the machinery and type were first moved into the Moodie building on Morris Ave. (burnt in 1928 while in the occupancy of Mr. H. Hanna.) For the following seven years, until January 19th, 1890, they continued to publish a paper that was a real credit to the community. In many respects and most particularly in the editorials, they were probably better than than in any subsequent editorships. True, the editorials were strong, and sometimes bitter, but they were ever just.

and published for what the editor seemed the good of the town and municipality. The editor feared no man, and was subservient to none. For one to read through those faded pages, it is impossible not to learn to love the old editor, despite his stern, hard character, and his all too evident disregard of what you thought of him. He had his own opinions about things and believed in expressing them, and also wanted others to do likewise, often giving unlimited space in his paper to someone who wanted to get "even" with him. As hard-headed and stern as Scotsmen often are, he was absol-

utely fair and just. In 1890 the two brothers had to give up their paper. This was due to the lack of advertising patronage of local merchants.

Peter's love of learning was very deep. In 1890 or so, shortly after he gave up the "Age" he returned to college in Winnipeg and in 1893 obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree. In the following years he taught schools. He was principal of the Gladstone School from 1896 to 1900. It is probably during these years that he earned the "reputation" which hardly does him credit. He was undoubtedly surly and sour in these years and his youthful students made the most of it, and broadcast the reputation for which he is generally known now.

It is unfortunate that more facts can not be given concerning these two founders of the "Age", for they lived and were a very important part of Gladstone's early days.

And equally little is known of their later years. In 1908 Peter returned to Scotland, where he died 18 years later. John predeceased his brother by three years.



PETER MOODIE

This picture is fair likeness of the "Age's" first and foremost editor as he appeared to Gladstone people shortly before he sailed back to his beloved Scotland in 1908.

SATURDAY
JANUARY
5th

1884

SAT., JAN. 5th, 1884 —

Very cold weather.

We understand that Mr. Hyndman, father-in-law of Messrs. Fahrni and Paul, from Dacotah, have made up their minds to cast in their lot with the people of the Northwest. We always welcome arrivals into the land which is bound to be, under proper direction, one of great peace and plenty. ((Dr. Gordon Fahrni, in his admirable biography of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Chris. Fahrni, tells of how they met and were married. Seemingly the young freighter, going to & from Wpg. and Edmonton, made some of his over-night stops at the Hyndman homestead, somewhere east of Portage. On one trip he arrived there very ill, and could go no further. Priscilla became, first his nurse, then his bride. Also, it is of interest to know that Mr. and Mrs. Hyndman located on the south half section one mile west of town. It was later known as the Paul place (perhaps the son-in-law), for as a lad, driving with my older brothers, Ken and Clarence, to school in town one day in 1918 or '19, we were surprised to see the smoldering embers of the house burned down during the night. It was located tight up into the s.e. corner, one mile west of town. The open basement was there for a number of years)).

The installation of officers for the ensuing term of the I.O.O.F. took place on Mon. last when the following officers were duly installed: D. Budge, Noble Grand; W. C. Dean, Vice-Grand; Fred. Cope, recording sec.; Geo. Perry, permanent sec.; John McCrae, treas., and Rev. D. Stalker, the Chaplain.

We are glad to see Mr. Fred. McMillan able to walk around again.

Our old friend, Peter Moir, has a binful of first class wheat; if the sample he showed us is a fair specimen.

Mr. John McGregor has been elected reeve of Lansdowne municipality by a large majority.

A large party from Woodside was at the dance in town on New Year's night.

Miss Malcolm, of Minnedosa, and her brother John, have been spending a day or two this week in Gladstone, their old home.

Miss Davidson returned to Winnipeg by Thursday's train. Mr. Wm. and Master Geo. went with her to resume their studies at the business college.

The youngest child (2 yrs. old) of Mr. Archibald McDonald, of Palestine, died Wed. morning. This is the third death in the family within four months.

Mr. D. Colville got his feet badly frozen over a week ago when returning home from the Blake post office. He has had to nurse them very carefully. They are getting all right now.

The town council were too excited polling day to wind up their affairs that night. They met last night for the purpose. Too late for us in this cold weather to chronicle their proceedings this week.

Mr. Wm. J. Ferguson, of Brandon, is spending his holidays among his friends here.

We hear that Mr. Small has been commissioned by Messrs. Ogilvie to build a storehouse and to buy grain for them.

A party is very anxious to know who was using the Canadian fiddle so vigorously between nine and ten o'clock last Sun. night. It wasn't the devil, though he was charged with it, so who could it be?

From the Portage "Liberal" we see that the passenger rates on the M. & N. W. have been reduced to 4c a mile. Certainly public-spirited policy on their part, which will help travel. Mr. Baker, who went east also purchased from Kingston Works 2 new locomotives and 25 box-cars, which will enable the Company to effectively boss the present traffic.

A jolly party of young townsmen assisted at the burial services of 1883, Mon. night, and welcoming his young successor, 1884. There was quite a sprinkling of old boys among them too, and they paraded up and down Morris Ave., dragging a triumphal car to which was attached a very musical and sonorous bell. What with its aid and their own lusty

lungs they managed to make it sufficiently plain that they had not died along with 1883, or felt anything like dying.

One more name obliterated from the ever-diminishing roll of bachelors and gone to swell the ranks of the benedicts, to wit, that of our respected townsman, Mr. A. Paul, who has been identified with this county's growth very nearly ever since white men began to give it a push. He was married at Portage last Mon. to Miss Emma Hyndman by the Rev. Mr. Woodsworth, chairman of the district. The happy couple returned home by train the same day and received the hearty congratulations of their many friends.

The School Board made an attempt to meet New Year's night but failed from the want of a Quorum. A full meeting is requested for Thurs. next, (11th inst.) as very important business will come up. The chairman informed those present that the superintendent of education had replied to his letter asking what was best to be done since the old ward town arrangement had been upset, to the effect that as only two trustees are now to be appointed for each ward, the proper thing is for the four who were elected to serve one year, to retire, leaving the balance of eight to perform this year's school business.

Mr. John McLeod, one of the pioneer settlers of Palestine twp., was married New Year's day to Miss Emma Clayton, eldest dau. of Mr. Clayton of Golden Stream. Rev. Mr. Stalker tied the knot, assisted by — but we are afraid we are getting this mixed up by reason of the day on which it happened. More than the usual amount of the usual rejoicings of similar occasions took place at night, most of the settlers, we believe, turning out to do honor to the better half, anyway, who has won golden opinions from all fortunate enough to know her, and that her worse half, is not the worst kind of fellow, many of us are able to testify. "Westward Ho," to the Qu-Appelle district is their destination, and when they leave it will be with the fervent wishes of a very large circle of acquaintances & friends that they may "prosper well."

The dance at Mr. Broadfoot's on New Year's night was an unqualified success. The capacious house was well taxed to provide accommodation for the great array of guests who streamed in from town and country, some even having come from Brandon, Minnedosa, Birtle and Portage to attend it. The occasion served the double purpose of giving practical

expression to the sympathy of the genial proprietors with the festive season, as well as to afford all the scope necessary for performing that time-honoured and most important ceremony of house-warming; and if the whole establishment from basement to attic was not put in a white heat from the strenuous exertions of the performers, we recommend it being packed off to the Arctic seas to keep company with its kindred icebergs. To the enlivening strains of a well-appointed orchestra of two violins and organ, dancing was kept up with unflagging interest till supper-time arrived, and with a short breathing space to attend to that necessary and most tempting repast, till very near the hour when "daylight doth appear". It was perhaps fortunate that the night was pretty cold outside, for it lessened the danger of the house being tempted to go off in a fit of spontaneous combustion. ((It withstood the heat of the revelry that night and still stands little changed in structure for the next 100 yrs. & continues as the Broadfoot house, Duncan and family being the fourth generation to occupy it. The material for it arrived by train from the east the preceding summer. It must have been considered quite a mansion at the time as its 3-storeys broke the skyline above the many old log houses that prevailed then.

There was a very successful social held on Wed. evening at the Methodist parsonage. The house fairly overflowed with visitors, many being very glad to be afforded standing room. After tea had been served some very good instrumental music was rendered by Messrs. Bruce and Alcock, and Misses Broadfoot & E. Lockhart. Mrs. Hamilton & Miss McGinnis each sang a well received song. But the real enjoyment of the evening was derived from the social groups that formed all around the room, in which jest & badinage, peals of laughter and all the accompaniments of a merry-making time, made up a harmonious medley of pleasant intercourse. One or two prominent gentlemen appeared to be fairly intoxicated with pleasure, a state of mind induced no doubt by the graciousness of their surroundings, while the explosive tendencies of some ladies might have been considered dangerous, had they not been expended in the direction of inducing contagious laughter. The collection which was for a worthy object, amounted to the very creditable sum of \$20.00. ((This building may be still standing, though not in use. It is the former Jas. McLeod house, now vacant, alongside the C.N.R. tracks on Regent St. It is not clear to the writer whether

this is the first Methodist church, built in the late '70s and moved from its original location in the east end of town to east Regent, & then moved with the coming of the C.N.R. in 1901, to its present location. The late Wm. Vivie resided in it as a lad, during the late 1890's. But whether or not it was the church itself or the parsonage, may remain unknown)).

((It is our small hope & large endeavour, that, by reprinting a number of the more interesting articles from the "Ages" of the Moodie years — Jan. 1884 to Jan. 1890 — (and such items as appear directly above, most particularly), it can be shown what a capable, expressive writer batchelor Peter Moodie was, and how fortunate the town and community of that day was to have such a knowledgeable writer with his capable abilities in the use of the Queen's English, his public spiritedness as shown in his editorials and other articles, and withal his gentle humor evidencing a joy of living. Later history is not so kind. Perhaps this was mainly due to a younger generation that knew him only as a school principal, (& as "grads" have a tendency to exaggerate the eccentricities of their teachers, even when secretly respecting them), they more or less unintentionally depicted him as a surly, crochety old man. One of his pupils, Jack Logie, wrote some 40 years ago, expressing this sentiment about his teacher of the 1898-1900 era. The Moodie Block, built to house the "Age," was destroyed by fire in 1928, then Hanna's Cafe, now the location of Foxon's drygoods store)).

CAUTION — Those hauling wood into town for sale should be sure it is taken from their own property; otherwise they will likely get into trouble, as we hear a detective has been appointed to look after the bush lands, both for the govt. and absent proprietors.

IF SO, WHY SO?

To The Editor,
Gladstone Age:

Notice to Farmers

I would advise all farmers having wheat to sell to go to Neepawa with it as I got 8c per bus. more for it there than I could get at Gladstone.

(Signed) Wm. Ferguson.
Livingstone, Jan. 4, 1884.

The following is the result of Wednesday's voting for our six new councillors: Mr. Galloway, 63; Messrs. Andrews, Logie and McKelvy, 60 each; Mr. Davidson, 56; Mr. P. Ferguson, 55. The a-

bove, with Mr. Claxton, as mayor, forming our new council board. Mr. O. McCrae polled 54 votes; Mr. Fahrni, 48; Mr. Dean, 37; Mr. Alcock, 19; Mr. Small, 10, & Mr. Broadfoot, 9. In all 92 votes were polled. Mr. Roper Galloway kept ahead all day followed closely by Mr. Andrews, the other 4 places being filled varying during all the hours of the poll. Before the last six votes were polled scarcely anybody would have liked to risk-betting on the 3 last names for councillor. We confess we would have liked to see Mr. O. McCrae in, for the reason that it would have been a standing rebuke to our younger men to think that one who has well earned his "right to dignified ease" should have to engage in fighting his own battle and that of a younger generation. To all it was a surprise that Mr. Fahrni was left behind. The solution of one arithmetical question in connection with the election has puzzled us badly. How the party, who had the solid ticket of seven managed to squeeze it down to six. Who was slaughtered in the process? We are not very sorry to see the two brethren in affliction raised by the effect of the poll to be companions in renown. They kept neck and neck all day, which no one need wonder at who noticed their close juxtaposition for the last while, a sort of municipal Siamese twins. For ourselves we have no cause to be dissatisfied with the expression of the town's will. We used our own judgement irrespective of cliques or individuals. The great interest taken in our town election was at once a hopeful and a healthy sign. There is something radically wrong with the body politic when election opportunities are treated with indifference. We like people to feel interested and to act energetically, & to have souls big enough to agree to differ at such times. For ourselves, our vaticinations have been falsified in one conspicuous particular, but we are not sorry. We think we see signs of genuine repentance evoked even already in the quarter, and we shall always endeavour to be on hand "to strengthen the things which remain" and which without our assistance (?) may be ready to perish. Forward all now to do and dare for our town's best interests.

COUNTY ELECTIONS

The following are the returns of the voting in the different wards: In Richmond or Ward 3, for Reeve there voted 36 for R. Turnbull and 8 for A. E. Smalley; majority for Turnbull, 28. For Councillors, this being one of the contested wards: for McKenzie, 25; and T. Whitmore, 21, Mr. McKenzie being returned by a

majority of 4. If numbers are any indication of interest taken in municipal affairs, then ward 3 compares very favorably with any of the other wards, more votes having been cast in it than in any other within the county. In Ward 4, or Blake, for reeve, Turnbull secured 22 votes, A. E. Smalley, 12; majority for Turnbull, 10. For Councillor W. H. West polled 19 votes, and J. M. Jamieson 13, the ward thus returning the old councillor with a majority of 6. — In Ward 5, or Palestine, the numbers were: for A. E. Smalley for reeve, 28; for R. Turnbull, 9; a majority for Smalley of 19. No contest for councillor in this ward this year, Mr. John Ferguson having been returned by acclamation. — In Ward 6, the contest was only for the reeveship, Mr. A. E. Smalley polling 16 votes and Mr. R. Turnbull 7; majority for Smalley, 9.

In Ward 2, or Woodside, A. E. Smalley received the whole vote, 11; likewise in Westbourne, 23; Mr. Rhind polling the whole vote for councillor. — Mr. Smalley is elected reeve by a majority of 24 over the whole county. — Westbourne local municipality for the current year consists accordingly of Councillors Rhind, Morrison, Ferguson, Poole, West and McKenzie, with Mr. Smalley as the Reeve. From these seven are to be elected two, along with the Reeve and one from town, with the Mayor, to form Westbourne County Council, the Warden of the county being chosen by the five of their own number.

((EDITORIAL)) The Reeveship: We suppose the most thankful man at the result of the polling last Wed. was the unsuccessful candidate for the reeveship. He had not heart to it, and all the more honor to him therefore for his manly determination to make inclination give place to principle. His lateness in the field was against his success, and his untiredness handicapped him greatly, while running against our oldest and most experienced municipal officer. So far as we are concerned the object we had in view will be fully accomplished if this little breeze of opposition enables the new council to keep more vividly in view what is the chief end and what ought to be the chief aim of existence - expending the force of their faculties in doing the best they can for the county. They are appointed to that work by the people, and the peoples' servants they are in that work, and only theirs. We are just as assured of this as of our own existence. Our county never will go ahead, as it can and ought to, until we all, both officers and

privates of us, work together with a single eye for the general good, and frown down every thing mean and pettifoggish, and tending to aggrandise the few at the expense of the many. It is our duty and to our interest to appreciate and to bring to the front merit, working power and principle, for these are the expansive forces which, applied all along the line of our county's interests, will push it into no mean place among the sister counties of the province.

((Editorial)): Mayor McGregor went for us in his usual characteristic fashion last week, because we have felt it our duty to show up what we considered to be not very proper part he has taken in town elections. We are in a position to know, not only that he sympathized in the idea of having no contest for either mayor or councillors this year, but that he endeavoured to influence the minds of the electors in that direction, with the very laudable desire of keeping down expenditure. Our foremost men ought to know their own minds, and keep them for a few hours at a time consecutively. Instead of doing so, he lent his help to brining out another candidate for mayor not long after, for whose candidature there was not the ghost of a reason, the nominee confessing that his platform was identical with that of the mayor elect's — and a solid phalanx of six men for the new council, one or two of whom, in common with others, he successfully impaled on election day. Actions in this case we hold speaks a little truer than mere disclaimers. ((This would indicate that Peter St. Clair McGregor's term of office as mayor ended with 1883, after about 18 months at the helm. The old "Ages" do provide the necessary facts from time to time; very informative & helpful indeed)).

GLADSTONE LITERARY SOCIETY

Grand Temperance Night
at the Literary Society
on Tues. Night

The following programme ought to ensure the usual large audience.

Instrumental Music: Miss Lockhart.

Address: Rev. Mr. Murdin.

Solo: Mrs. Dunning.

Address: Rev. Mr. Jephcott.

Solo: Mrs. Allen.

Reading: Miss Stalker.

Debate: Resolved that Intemperance has caused more misery to the human family than war: Affirmative.

Messrs. Schooley & Best; Negative, Messrs. Moodie & Claxton.

Address: Rev Mr. Allan.
Solo: Mrs. Poole.

FLORENCE

To The Editor,
The Gladstone Age.

Sir: It is with much regret that I have to inform you of the death of Willie Dunning since writing you my last letter. He sank gradually, being conscious till just before his death which occurred on the 21st. He was buried on Sun. at noon, many mourners being present, in the new burial ground which has been presented to Florence and Richmond, by Mr. Thos. Dunning, his father.

Electioneering matters are causing quite a little excitement at present. During the last few days the municipality of Lansdowne has been divided into six wards, each ward to return one councillor. The townships of Florence and Eddington are No. 5 ward, and the nomination took place at Salisbury schoolhouse on Thurs. last, Mr. D. B. McKellar and Mr. Harry McGill being nominated, so we expect to have a lively contest. The polling is to take place on Wed., Jan. 2, 1884, at the house of Mr. Thos. Cairns, Mr. T. Wilson to be returning officer.

Christmas went off unusually dull this year; no festivities of any kind taking place that I am aware of.

I remain, yours truly,
A SUBSCRIBER.

Florence, Dec. 27, 1883.

ADVERTISERS

((Following is a list of advertisers who were using the "Age" in Jan. 1884. They are listed irrespective of space used, ranging from business cards to quarter pages. The 4-page sheet still had its two home-print pages pretty well patronized despite the complaint of the publishers at the loss of support commencing with the New Year. The Moodie Bros. had started publishing their new "Age" on April 28th, 1883, a most perilous time as that big boom in land prices was sweeping the province and hitting established towns like Gladstone real hard when the "bust" came soon after. All businessmen must have hit the panic button, and small newspapers would be first to feel the effects)).

K. F. Lockhart, Chairman Gladstone School Board, applying for a teacher.

Geo. Claxton: Barrister.

Dr. Ferrier: Office at Drug-store, Dennis St. ((For a location of this bldg., see picture of this part of the town, in the 1911-12 Supplement of "Down Thro' the Ages")).

Dr. Keele: Office at the Windsor House; (Coroner for the province).

For Sale: Half-Section of land within half-mile of the Town of Gladstone. Well adapted for dairy or stock-raising. With hay, wood and shelter. On Whitemud river. Apply at this office.

James M. Paul: Auctioneer.

Glad. Bakery: Jas Andrews.

Blacksmith: Allan G. Grant.

Glad. Lodge A.F. & A.M.: Peter St. Clair McGregor, W.M.; & J. Chambers, Sec'y.

Glad. Lodge, No. 5, I.O.O.F., D. Budge, N.G., Fred Cope, R.S.

T. L. Morton: Agent for Insurance Companies; Money to loan, and farm and town lots for sale.

D. Budge: Money to loan; houses to rent and sell; Town Clerk.

Westbourne Hotel; Westbourne: Henry Fletcher, Prop.

"Wilson" Hotel: S. T. Wilson.

Queen's Hotel: (newly built & furnished). The largest & most commodious in town; situated on north side of river. The bar is furnished with choicest liquors. Pool table in connection. — James & G. McCrae. ((This bldg. should not be confused with the old log hotel that occupied the corner of Morris & Sask. Ave., a picture of which is to be seen in the upper town hall as well as in Margaret Galloway's book, "I Lived in Paradise". The demise of this relic of pioneer days is recorded in the Nov. 12th issue, 1886)).

Hamilton Provident and Loan Society: P. St. Clair McGregor, Inspector, Man. Branch, Gladstone.

The Revere House: James Herron, Proprietor.

Livery, Sale & Feed Stables: on Morris Ave.—Paul & Fahrni.

Manitoba Mortgage & Investment Co. (Ltd.): H. Morton, mgr. Winnipeg; T. L. Morton, agent, Gladstone.

J. J. Herron: Dry Goods. ((In west side portion of the Revere House)).

Dean & Paynter: Hardware, etc. (Opposite Presbyterian Church. ((This bldg. with post office burned in early 1888)).

New Jobbing Shop: Thomas Gray. Queen's Hotel Block on north side of river, in T. Todd-hunter's late furniture store.—Carpenter & Jobbing Shop.

Notice: Came into the premises of the subscriber in sec. 13, Tp. 14, Rge. 12W., one 2-yr.-old red and white steer, sometime in Nov. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take it away.—Thos. Carmichael.

Gladstone Flour Mills: McDonald & McDougall.

Peter Ferguson: Dry Goods.

R. Galloway & Bro.: Dry Goods.

D. J. McQueen: at the old store.

James Doherty: Hardware.

J. L. Logie: Agricultural Implements. ((The advt. does not record that at this time Mr. Logie was also postmaster, a position he did not relinquish until after the arrival of Mr. Edwin Rose on May 30th, 1884)).

((EDITORIAL))

Through pressure of our space last week we were only able to insert Mr. B's letter, calling attention to the error in our report of Mr. Small's speech at our farmers' meeting, in which he is stated to have said that the rate for every 100 lbs. of freight on the M. & N. W. was 5c per mile. What Mr. Small meant to convey was that amount, per ton per mile, which is a much smaller sum. The error was not noticed in time to have the report read as it should. Those of doubtful mind can easily satisfy themselves of the truth of Mr. B's statement by inspecting the table above ((a 5" advt. setting out the rates of the M. & N. W. appears directly above the article)). The error must have arisen from our insufficient hearing for we had no desire to state anything but what was said. The sense we entertain of the value to our county of our line of railway we have often enough expressed to acquit us of any sinister intention. We only repeat that it is making for its good name thro' the regularity and efficiency of the train service, as well as thro' its fairly fair freight tariff.

TWENTY WORKMEN KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK NEAR TORONTO

There was a terribly fatal railway accident on the Great Western Branch of the Grand Trunk railway at Parkdale, near Toronto, Wed. morning. A freight train collided with another running out with about 90 railway employees to their work. Twenty were killed and the amount of suffering has been something appalling. The conductor of the freight has been arrested, as he was travelling without orders.

((EDITORIAL))

In the multiplicity of councillors there is safety, so "The Book" says, and our legislators say so too. But the wise man qualifies this statement elsewhere by telling us that a certain city had only one wise man in it, who was the means, by his wisdom, of saving it. Let us hope the wise man will give us a call, and also that we will be willing to follow his advice.

((Advt.)): Livery, Sale and Feed Stables: A good stock of Rigs and Horses always on hand; also Buggies & Buckboards for sale. On Morris Ave. between the bridge and Queen's Hotel.—Paul & Fahrni.

((Advt.)): The Man. Weekly Free Press: From now to Jan. 1st, 1885, for \$2.00. Payable in advance, with a chance of obtaining one of the three handsome Cash Prizes of \$500, \$200, \$100.

THE CREED OF THE HUSBAND IN INDIA

A Hindoo has certain ideas as to the married state. Here is a husband's creed: "A man both day and night must keep his wife so much in subjection that she by no means be mistress of her own actions. If a wife have her own free will, notwithstanding she is of a superior caste, she will go amiss. A woman will never go out of her house without the consent of her husband, and shall act according to the consent of her husband, and shall pay proper respect to her husband's father, the spiritual guide, and her guests, and shall not eat until she has served them with victuals (if it is medicine she may take it before they eat). A woman shall never go to a stranger's house, and shall not attend at the door, and must never look out of the window. If a woman, following her own inclinations, goes whithersoever she chooses, and does not regard the words of her master, such woman shall be turned away. If a man goes on a journey, his wife shall not divert herself by play, nor see dancing, nor hear music, nor sit at the window, nor ride out, nor behold anything choice or rare; but shall fasten well the house door and remain private; and shall not eat any dainty victuals, and shall not view herself in the mirror; she shall not exercise herself in any agreeable enjoyment during the absence of her husband." ((The Age, Jan. 5, 1884))

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SAT., JAN. 12th, 1884:

We are grieved to hear that Mrs. Mason is still keeping far from well.

Mr. John Rose is still very poorly. The society of Oddfellows, of which he is a member, are doing their duty by him in a very creditable manner.

Good news for the farmer! The M. & N. W. Railway Company, with commendable liberality, has reduced rates on frozen grain to \$20 a car between here & Portage.

Thurs. Rev. Mr. Stalker was presented by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church, with a handsome easy chair. He takes this opportunity of returning them his sincere thanks for the very valuable present.

From Richmond we hear that Mr. Griffin bought all Mr. Rodgers wheat he had to spare at 65c. Mr. Anderson was offered 60c; Mr. H. Hill, 45c, and Mr. James Hill, 60c; but they did not sell.

A farewell party was given last Friday by Messrs. Geo. and Jas. Pirie on the departure of their father and sisters to Ontario. The house, not being able to contain the large gathering, an adjournment was made to Andrews Hall where a splendid dancing time was put up to the music of violin, organ and bones. The esteem with which the family is regarded found expression in the character of the assembly, one or more representative from almost every family in town being present on the occasion. Miss Pirie was made the recipient of a handsome cruet as a small remembrance of the friends she was leaving behind; Miss May, with a fine butter-knife; and Mr. Pirie received a travelling bag. Tues. morning's train saw them off, with the fervent wishes of all for their temporal and spiritual prosperity. Mr. James accompanied them as far as Winnipeg. *((Back some 40 or 50 years ago an interesting letter from James Pirie was published in which he reminisced briefly of the happy times spent in Gladstone, and his regrets that he was unable to attend the celebrations. The Piries and the Silas Williams family were very good friends, or perhaps related)).*

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

A meeting of the council of the municipality of Westbourne was held in the Revere House, Gladstone, on Tues., the 8th of January, 1884, in terms of the Municipalities' Act, 1883. Present: Messrs. Smalley, Ferguson, West, Morrison, Rhind, McKenzie and Poole, the elected members for the year. Each member, having made and signed the necessary declaration of office, the Reeve, Mr. Smalley, took the chair, and John Mason, late Clerk, acted as secretary.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications: From Squirrel Creek settlers, laid over from last meeting was further laid over until a future meeting; J. Small application for assessorship; J. Gould, asking to be exempted from taxation, owing to lands not having been homesteaded by him till after assessment was made.

Reports: J. Herron: that \$2.00 was due G. Cartwright for staking out road on ward 3; Treasurer, that he had obtained a loan of \$6,000 in accordance with the resolution of last meeting; from McArthur, Boyle and Campbell, for three months; J. Ferguson, that he had inspected J. H. Beck's work and found him entitled to the \$20 granted last meeting.

New finance committee recommended payment of following accounts: election expenses, \$61.60; treasurer's expenses to Winnipeg, \$30; C. McDiarmid, statute labor, \$9.50; G. Cartwright, ward 3, \$2.

All reports received & adopted.

Motions: Coun. Morrison and McKenzie, that J. Mason be re-appointed Clerk for ensuing year at a salary of \$250. Carried unanimously. — West & Poole that J. Ferguson be deputy reeve for present yr. Carried unanimously. — Smalley & Ferguson, that Morrison be second deputy reeve; in amendment, McKenzie & Poole, that Coun. West be second deputy reeve. Amendment negatived on following division: Nays, Rhind, Ferguson and Smalley; Yeas, Poole, McKenzie. Motion carried on the following division: Nays, McKenzie, West; Yeas, Rhind, Poole, Ferguson and Smalley. — Morrison & Rhind, that assessor's salary for current year be fixed

at \$275. In amendment Poole & McKenzie, that assessor's salary be \$250. Amendment carried on following division: Yeas, Poole, McKenzie, West, Ferguson; Nays Rhind, Morrison and Smalley. — Morrison & Rhind, that A. McGregor be re-appointed assessor. Amendment negatived on following division: Yeas, McKenzie, West; Nays, Rhind, Poole, Ferguson, Morrison; Smalley. Motion carried, all but Coun. West voting yes. — Rhind & Morrison, that this council issue debentures bearing interest at 6 percent per annum for \$10,000, for the general purposes of the municipality, instead of at present discounting notes at high rates of interest, such debentures not to be sold at less than par, commission to be allowed if necessary; that treasurer, while in Winnipeg, obtain Archibald, Howell & Vivian's opinion as to authority of council passing said by-law without vote of ratepayers, and to instruct them to draw up by-law in accordance with municipal act. Carried unanimously. — Ferguson & West, that K. F. Lockhart be appointed auditor. Carried unanimously. The reeve appointed J. Gould as the other auditor. — Rhind & McKenzie, that this council ask the local government what agreement has been made with the Hamilton Drainage Co. regarding the Westbourne and Big Grass Marsh lands, and that county council be requested to take the matter up also. Carried unanimously. — Poole Rhind, that J. L. Gould's taxes be rebated for 1883.

Morrison & West, that Coun. Rhind, Ferguson & Poole be the Finance Committee for 1884. — Rhind & Morrison, that commutation moneys, collected in lieu of statute labor in various wards, be expended under direction of councillors of the various wards, and that work be offered to be done by public tender. Carried unanimously. — Poole & Morrison, that taxes be rebated to Thos. Newman on account of his being burnt out. Carried Unanimously. — Rhind & Poole, that the same allowance be given Jas. Young as formerly. Carried unanimously. — Rhind & McKenzie, that Council pay expenses of removal to General Hospital, Wpg., of Wm. Long. Carried unanimously. — Rhind & Poole, that council go into committee of whole with reeve in the chair, to draft and consider by-law to regulate statute labor in the municipality. Carried.

Committee rose and reported. The by-law thereafter received its several readings and became law.

Council adjourned till 12th of February next.

Treasurer Morton went to the city Wed. morning to attend the meeting of the Board of Agriculture.

Those who have not paid their taxes will have to pay 5 percent additional this month.

Dr. R. H. Robertson, dentist, of Portage la Prairie, will be at the Revere House on Tues., the 22nd inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Herron, of the Revere House, took a trip to Minnedosa Wed. night. Ex-Mayor McGregor accompanied them.

Mr. Anderson takes this opportunity of thanking the many kind friends who assisted in quenching what might have been a serious fire at his house Wed. night.

A party from town go west Monday to Minnedosa to pay a return visit. They will be guests of Mr. Malcolm, our old townsman. Some bachelor friends fervently hope they won't go away for keeps.

((Editorial)): The solution of a knotty point lies ahead of the School Board. On account of the four town wards having been again merged into one, the school law enacts that 3 trustees are all that is requisite. When the present board was elected by statute 12 were necessary, which number subsequent legislation reduced to eight, or two instead of three in each ward. How many are to constitute the board this year? In the absence of any legislation meeting our altered circumstances, the Superintendent of Education was appealed to, who indicates the only way out of the difficulty to be, that the four elected for a year, shall retire, leaving the eight to form the board for the current year. Some think that all the board should resign, but there is the grave objection to such a precedent, the school district would be without a board during the resignation and the re-appointment of their successors. A board of school trustees never passes out of existence as long as the district exists. In a case of three, one only retires each year, and so on. By all resigning, the new board would have no legal existence, & of course the Act would not be binding. The only way then appears to be to do as directed until we get legislation meeting our case.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The last meeting of the moribund council was held Friday week. Present, Mayor McGregor, Couns. P. & D. Ferguson, Fahrni, Small & Andrews; D. Budge sec.-treas.

Minutes of last meeting were

read and sustained.

Communications: From Aiken, Culver & Hamilton re taxes, Hon. C. P. Brown; Bank of Montreal, re deposit of \$600.00(?), from local govt.

Accounts: Le Manitoba, advertising by-law No. 34, \$8.20; printing bribery lists, \$3.50; D. Budge, registration of births, marriages and deaths, \$3.25.

Motions:

Coun. P. Ferguson & Fahrni, that accounts of Le Manitoba & D. Budge be paid. Carried.

Fahrni & D. Ferguson: that Boulton & Robertson be instructed to demand from Sheriff Setter taxes held by him. In amendment J. Small & P. Ferguson that Clerk proceed to Portage re taxes held by sheriff. Carried.

J. Small & P. Ferguson that \$100 be paid judicial board; that A. G. Williams be paid \$150, & Wm. McKelvy \$300, & that notes be given them for balance due. Carried.

D. Ferguson & Fahrni, that the grant of \$50 to the Gladstone Brass Band be paid as soon as funds are available. Carried.

J. Small & P. Ferguson that Clerk credit M. & N.W. railway out of bonus granted, the amount due by them for taxes, and the balance be credited from time to time as taxes mature. Yeas: P. & D. Ferguson, Small & Andrews. Nays: Coun. Fahrni. Carried.

P. Ferguson & Fahrni: that H. Hubert be granted use of lock-up. Carried.

A very hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mayor McGregor for the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during the year.

Then the Council of 1883 faded away swan-like in a melody among the recollections of the past, and the individual members hid themselves to the nearest pub to "smile away" by soothing mixtures the grief due the year in all the senses departed.

THE NEW TOWN COUNCIL

The Mayor & town councillors were sworn in, the mayor-elect by ex-Mayor McGregor, and the Council by the returning officer, Mr. Budge, on Tues. noon. They thereupon took their seats round the council board. A motion of adjournment was lost on a vote of 4 to 3.

The first business taken up was the appointment of two auditors. The mayor appointed D. J. McQueen; the council nominated Mr. A. McGregor and J. Chambers, the latter being selected by a vote of 4 to 3.

An account presented by the returning officer was, on motion, laid over till next meeting.

Council next proceeded to elect a member to sit along with the mayor on the County Council.

Couns. Galloway and Davidson were proposed, the former being appointed by a vote of 4 to 3; for the latter there voted Couns. Ferguson, Logie & McKelvy; for the appointee, Couns. Davidson, Galloway, Andrews and the mayor.

The striking of 3 Standing Committees finished the business: Finance Com., Couns. Galloway, Ferguson & Logie; Licenses, Health & Police: Logie, Andrews & Davidson; Public Works: McKelvy, Davidson & Ferguson.

SCHOOL BOARD

A very full meeting was held in the "Age" office last night. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The chairman intimated that the Federal Bank drew on W. S. Bailey, local banker here for the sum of \$102.00(?). *((Most of the figures fail to show up clearly))*.

First business taken up was consideration of the Board's duty in regard to the altered number of town wards. The inspector, Rev. Mr. Stalker, who was present, was asked his opinion in regard to the difficulty, said that, after much thought given to the matter, he could only coincide with the view given by the Superintendent of Education, which was held by the members of the Board.

The Sec. was instructed to post up notices of the annual school meeting.

On motion of Messrs. P. Ferguson & Rintoul the Brass Band was allowed use of the school-house for practices.

Six applications were received for office of teacher and opened. After discussion Mr. Best was re-appointed at his old salary, & was made sec.-treas. to the Board, at a salary of \$40(?).

Communications have been sent from the Dept. of Agriculture, Statistics & Health, to the mayor of each city and town in the province, calling attention to the provision of sec. 124 of the Agriculture, Statistics & Health Act, 1883, which requires that each Council shall annually make a contract with a medical practitioner, for public vaccinations. The various Councils have been requested to take action in the matter as early as possible.

((Like 1874-75 (the grasshopper years), 1884-85 were equally disastrous (the 'bust' yrs.) after the boom. This is seen in the actions of the Councils and School Board, where "restraint" is the watchword. It is shown in the columns of the "Age" too, where three out of the four larger advertisers started off 1884 with big type proclaiming "No Credit - Spot Cash or Produce").



Business Section of Gladstone, the Fall of 1889

Above view of Morris Ave., Gladstone, is from one of the Logie pictures that the Age Press fell heir to in the 1940's. The original photos have been long gone, but well-kept negatives of the same still carry on, proving how very important it can be to have duplicates of the "Golden Oldies," such as these. Now, to try to assist historically-minded readers identify some of the buildings most of which were in existence when Editor Moodie started recording the history that is being published herewith. The picture probably was taken in the fall of 1889. On the right and looking south across the White Mud the nearest building cannot be identified with any certainty, but it is in the location of the Bond business place which opened up about this time. Next is the Moodie Bros. block and where the "Age" was published from April 28th, 1883, until Jan. 10th, 1890. The next building cannot be identified for sure either but is almost certainly part of the Galloway Bros. establishment, of which the next structure is the main store. Editor Moodie records (Mar. 22/89) that "Galloways' have added a neat verandah to their store." The firm moved into this building from their original location on Sask. Ave., in June 1886 and while here saw their voluminous business grow, necessitating the "Big Store" (now Macleods) which was built in 1902 across the alley. The building above was built by A. G. Williams in 1883 for Peter Ferguson who sold his farm (Dr. Johnson's now) in boom times and went into the general store business. But, like so many others in those dreadful years, when the purchaser couldn't pay neither could Mr. Ferguson, and he was forced out of business just two years later. — As you see, the lots from the alley south to Sask. Ave. are vacant, but up until Mar. 87 it was the location for that very infamous relic of pioneer times, distinguished from a newer hotel by the same name, as the "Old" Queen's Hotel. On April 5, '89 Banker Bailey was preparing to move one of the buildings of the late John Rose on to his property here, to serve as his bank, but if so it must have been set back from the street. Across the M. & N.W. track is Andrews' Hall & Bakery (now the Paris Cafe). On this bldg. appears a small sign "S. Knight", a butcher, for whom Mr. Bailey, owner, had prepared the quarters, prior to May 1889. These three things: the verandah, Bailey's new bank, and the arrival of S. Knight, plus the recording of the enterprising Mr. Bailey on Nov. 22, '89, "having put Mr. Clubb's old workshop on the site of the Old Queen's Hotel" (which does not appear in the picture) puts the date of it almost for a certainty as the early fall of 1889. — Having established that important fact, let's go on to the Revere House which stood on the s.w. corner of the town square for almost 60 years before being tore down by the late Mr. E. A. Stout in 1938. Next south is the house built by Mr. A. G. Williams, about 1883, for the Rev. John Garton, who served the Anglican church on two occasions as minister in the following 10 years. This house still occupies the n.w. corner of Broadfoot and Morris; next south is the Presbyterian manse moved in 1907 to Sask. Ave. where it served as the Jamieson home for many years, is now that of Mr. & Mrs. Alan Doell and family. There is another low, log building further to the south that blends pretty well with the shrubbery.

Mr. W. S. Bailey, banker, did much in the late '80s to change the topography of the town. Since buying the Wilson Hotel (or "House," as it was advertised), in March 1886, he was not long in building up the east side of Morris. Most of this was done in 1888. First he plastered the hotel in readiness for a tenant who turns out to be Jim Newcombe; then he acquires the Shaw bldg. on Dennis (about where the B of M is now, according to the late A. G. Williams) and moves it up to the north side of his hotel. He already has tenants for this fairly large building, Crouter & Foster, implement dealers; and Mr. Schooley, general merchant, the latter who had been occupying the west side of the Revere House since coming to Gladstone in Jan. '85, moves to his new quarters on Morris early in Nov. 1888. At the same time Mr. Bailey plans to use C. P. Brown's long-vacant grist mill at the bridge as a stable for use of his hotel guests. However, as it remains still boarded up in this picture he apparently didn't do so. From all this the buildings in the picture can be lined up as follows: from the bridge, south, the vacant mill, then Mr. Foster's (the partnership had been dissolved late in '88), Mr. Sloan Schooley's store, the hotel, and next of the foursome, Mr. Jim Doherty's hardware store (sporting the sidewalk-wide sign). Still further south of the corner of Sask. & Morris is D. J. McQueen's general store. Across the tracks, and a block or so south again, are 2 fairly large buildings. One of these has to be Magnus Wilson's brand new blacksmith shop on the corner of Morris & Wellington, which stood in this spot for 71 years, being tore down in 1960 by Fred Charles, then owner. The other building is not known, but about this period a livery barn is supposed to have been located about where the present Age Press building or post office is now. Our informant of the '40s, Mr. Williams, stated that the man on the bridge was Mr. J. L. Logie, who served as mayor in 1886; and from 1890 to 1898; and again in 1900 & 1901.

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SAT, JAN. 19th, 1884:

((Editorial)): The new town council deserves a word of commendation for the manner in which the members are implementing their pledges to lop off and keep down expenditures. They have decided that two days a week is sufficient to overtake all town business at present, which has enabled them to correspondingly reduce the salary attached to the office of the sec-treas., and if this saving policy keeps on the ascendant, which the outlook promises won't need much coaxing so to do, there is every likelihood of our town clerk's sacred person being snugly ensconced in those august office quarters, yclept the lock-up, before the end of the year for the performance of his necessary duties. One good innovation consists in lessening the number of meetings, a saving not so much to the community as to the individual members of council, for, in these times of forced economy, it is only right that they should have a little more monopoly for their own use of their respective wind instruments. Accepting the situation as they are now doing, and it is hoped, will continue to do, will get us into closer juxtaposition all the sooner with times when we won't need to look on both sides of a 5c piece before we can muster up courage enough to spend it.

((“Yclept,” that’s a rare word, now considered archaic, for ‘called.’ The ‘old’ editor of that day was scarcely 45, but could come up with the most descriptive word with the ease of an advanced university scholar - which he was)).

NEW COUNTY DEBENTURES

To those at all acquainted with the workings of our county municipal machinery it is abundantly evident that something must be done to stop the waste that is accruing each year from the present way of going. The institution is a perfectly solvent one, and run—we must give our municipal officers credit—with as due regard to economy as efficiency will admit, but somehow or other much of the cash equivalent for each year's operation is always behind-hand nowadays from six mos. to a year. Two causes that have

greatly helped to bring about this unsatisfactory state of matters are the great expense the county was at in the first years of its municipal existence, which would have heavily handicapped it unless the local govt. hadn't generously come more than once to its aid, which rendered it impossible for any surplus to be accumulated, and the hurtful effect of recent legislation in staving off sale of lands for taxes now to three years. The result is that, though the books of the treasurer showed a balance in favor of the municipality of \$5,000, allowing for every indebtedness at the end of the year, we have been necessitated to borrow \$6,000 for 3 months at 12 percent interest to pay our way; or, in other words mulct ourselves to keep a clean sheet, and then consider ourselves fortunate that we managed an impossibility for the last few months - to get an advance.

Common sense, as well as a proper regard for true economy, dictates that of two evils we should choose the less.

To continue borrowing - granted that we can always manage it (which the experience of the past year does not bear out) - when we need it, is an extravagant way of going. We have a steady amount of railway money to pay in two six-months instalments of \$2,000 each, the last one payable before the taxes are nearly collected; and by recent legislation, three-fourths of the school monies needed for the current year must be in the hands of the respective school boards long before the taxes can be collected, which means for our municipality a further sum of \$3,000.

One way out of the difficulty might be to take a Rip Van Winkle sleep for a year or two, and shut down on everything except paying our railway tax, which is too preposterous for sober thought. Not to be progressing would be going back, and that we cannot afford to do, even if our manhood would allow us.

It appears then, that we are shut up, if we want to be economic, to the scheme that the Council has taken in hand, to issue debentures on the credit of the Municipality to the extent of \$10,000, which can be sold at, or very nearly, par, interest on them being only 6 percent. By that means we would have sufficient

funds to carry us on from year to year, and we ought to be in a position with the same care bestowed on corporate business as enables individual business to be a success, to be in a position to redeem them at no very distant date.

The legal firm that is drafting the by-law gave it as their opinion that it would be requisite to submit it to the people, & every one who gives it a thought will come, we think, to the conclusion to vote for it, as being the least expensive way out of our financial strait.

The Municipal Council holds a special meeting for this business Wed. first.

Messrs. McDonald & McDougall have handed their ((Mill)) accounts to Mr. Claxton for collection.

Mr. Andrew McFadden has rented Paul & Fahrni's livery stable for three months.

One prominent townsman, we are informed on pretty good authority, is busy getting together the nucleus of a ranch up north.

Our county treasurer's books were audited Thursday last by Messrs. Lockhart and Gould, the auditors appointed at the first meeting of the new council.

Cold as our weather undoubtedly is these days, we haven't a monopoly on it. The thermometer read 52 below at St. John, N.B., one day this week.

A quadrille assembly was held on Fri. night a week ago in Andrews' hall. Nearly all the noted fervent worshippers of Terp-sichore were present and dancing was kept up until midnight. We believe it is the intention to hold these assemblies once a fortnight.

If the party who was seen logging the armfuls of wood from Jas. Andrews' woodpile Tuesday evening last about 11 o'clock, will kindly leave word at this office of the date of the next raid, an audience will be seated up to give him a proper send-off.

The Blake school district is worthy of greater commendation than any other school district in the county, so far as we have heard. The sec-treas. took up a few dollars worth of books last Sat., ordered through Mr. J. L. Logie, for distribution among the worthiest scholars of last session.

The following should be good news for farmers. In a letter to Mr. Herron, Mr. Best, wheat-buyer of Wpg., says that he will be at the Revere House to buy grain on Mon. first, and he thinks he will be able to do better for No. 1 sound wheat than 65c, though

he can't guarantee much above 45c for frozen wheat, and much the same for barley.

On making inquiries we were glad to find that Mrs. Mason is apparently on the mend though she suffers much pain. Mrs. Cameron is also, from last accounts, much better. We are glad to hear that Mr. John Rose had been able to get out of bed for a short time this day or two past.

The Methodist concert took place last Thurs. night but was not very well patronized, though the program was varied, & very creditably done by all the performers. It consisted of solos, duets, dialogues, readings (comic & pathetic), and some laudable incidents such as a hard shave and women's rights. The guitar was a new and agreeable change which Mr. Geo. Alcock played well. Where all did so well it would be invidious to mention any as space forbids us giving a full notice. Rev. Mr. Stalker ably filled the chair.

Our Brass Band, after pretty long mufflings, is about to thrill our ears with a series of spicy and original variety concerts, the first of which is to be given in Andrews' Hall next Thurs. night at 8 o'clock. The object is the very praiseworthy one of trying to pay off the balance still owing on the instruments, a sufficient reason to ensure a large audience, if the deserved popularity of the band with our citizens was not an additional incentive to fill the hall, which scarcely leaves any room for the provocation in that same direction of a most magnificent programme, to be taken part in by all the musical & dramatic talent of the town. The force of such a three-fold cord of strong incentives will no doubt pack the hall from floor to ceiling.

Mr. W. F. Schooley, our station agent, informs us there has been a general reduction in rates since the 1st of Jan., the fare to Portage being only \$1.40 and from Gladstone to Minnedosa, \$1.80; and a great reduction has been made for 100 lbs. of frozen wheat to Portage, from 11½c to 7½c. There has been four cars of wheat shipped to St. Thomas, Ont., during the week. The trains are doing good service, running sharp on time under the able management of I. G. Henry, train dispatcher at Minnedosa. A new engine is expected to reach Wpg. the first of next week, and another before the end of the month. for the M.&N.W. railway, and it is the intention to put the two old engines in the shops to undergo a thorough repairing so that they will be able to do satisfactory

work on construction in the spring.

((Adv.)): The Jordan School district requires a Third Class certificated male or female teacher. Duties to commence Feb. 10. Apply, stating salary, to James Anderson, sec-treas., Richmond, P.O.

Notice: In terms of the Municipal Act, 1883, Sec. —, by order in Council of the Legislative Assembly, the first meeting of the County Council of Westbourne has been fixed to be held in the Town Hall, Gladstone, on Tues. — inst., at 11 o'clock a.m., at which all interested are hereby requested to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.— A. M. Sutherland, Prov. Sec.

Notice: All parties who haven't paid their TAXES are requested to do so at once to prevent legal proceedings being taken.— D. Budge, Sec-Treas., Town of Gladstone.

Notice: The public are hereby cautioned against purchasing or discounting any notes of hand made by me in favor of A. R. Graham, as I have not received value for same. (Signed) Donald S. Smith.

TOWN COUNCIL

This Council met Wed. evening. Present, a full board, Mayor Claxton in the chair.

The Sec-Treas. read the minutes of the last meeting which were adopted.

There were no communications, and only one account, that of the returning officer's, laid over from last meeting, which, on the recommendation of the Finance Com., countersigned by the chairman, Coun. Ferguson, was ordered paid.

Two notes, one to Wm. McKelvy of \$60, and the other to A. Williams of \$192, with interest at 8 percent, fall to be paid Feb. 4th; and an account of the “Free Press” any time.

A long discussion next ensued as to the best means of recovering the taxes on John Small's estate, funds to pay which are now in the hands of Sheriff Setter. While endeavouring to obtain for the town its own, the Council showed a praiseworthy horror of landing it in litigation. The final findings took the shape of the following motions: 1st, that the Clerk write to Boulton & Robertson, Barristers, Portage, for their opinion, giving them as fully as possible all the data on which to form it, and, 2nd, that the Clerk proceed to Portage, interview the sheriff as to likelihood or possibility of obtaining the money without a lawsuit; if impracticable, ask B. & R. for

their opinion. The latter motion was carried by a majority of 2.

Assessing business, next engaged the Councils attention. Unanimously they decided that \$75 was sufficient remuneration for the office this year, which sum was understood to include everything but the printed motions demanded by law.

Last year's assessor, Mr. Cory, was unanimously appointed. If he should not accept, applications for the office will be received by the Clerk up to Wed. next.

Preliminary to appointing a Clerk and setting the salary, the following motion of Coun. Logie and Andrews, that office days for the town Clerk be Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 10 - 3, with attendance at all regular or special meetings of the board, was carried unanimously. The salary for the year was then fixed at \$300.

Coun. Ferguson and McKelvy moved that Mr. Budge be re-engaged as Sec-Treas. at a salary of \$300 when his present engagement which dates to March, ends, which was carried unanimously. The Clerk accepted.

A motion of Coun. Logie and Andrews was also carried, limiting the regular meetings of the Council to the first Wed. in each month.

The last business was the carrying of a motion to insert advt. in “Age” calling ratepayers attention peremptorily to tax-paying duties.

Council then adjourned to meet first Wed. in February.

The wind-up meeting of last year's representatives to the Central Judicial Board was held on Tues. & Wed. last at Portage. The total expenditure of the Board has footed up to \$6,100. The successors will inherit a surplus of \$3,000. Unfortunately the old board inherited only a load of debt at starting. Ex-Mayor McGregor was unanimously voted \$100 as a small recognition of the efficient manner in which he had discharged chairmanship duties. The counties represented are Norfolk, Portage, Beautiful Plains & Westbourne.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The Society had its usual meeting last Tues. night in Andrews' Hall. There were quite a few unavoidably absent, who were to take part in the evening's entertainment, which made for a rather short programme.

The readings of Mrs. Reece(?), Messrs. Schooley and Moodie were fairly done.

Others on the program included Mrs. (Rev.) Allan; Messrs. Rintoul, Best, McLaren and Neville; and Dr. Ferrier.



GLADSTONE SCHOOL — Grade One (1947-1948).

(Back): Rae Wallin, Dorothy Tester, ——— Lynn Burd, Lois Rogers, ———; (Centre): Karl Larsen, Donnaalynne Scott, Wayne Clayton, Dorothy Hare, Vivian Slade, Alva Hanna; (Front): Dorothy Fahner, Lillian Galloway, Marilyn Huckell, Kathleen Kinley, Winifred Johnson, Edna Vinie, Douglas Zerbin, Wayne Sorenson. (The un-named boys could be: Geo. Scott, Bernie Larsen, Leon Kondratuk).

(Helen Broadfoot, teacher)

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SAT., JAN. 26th, 1884:

BRASS BAND CONCERT

The concert given by the members of the Gladstone Brass Band, in aid of the instrument fund, in Andrews' Hall, Thurs. evening, was a great affair. The program was as varied as it was original, and its execution could scarcely have had more justice done to it by a professional lot of performers. Unfortunately the elements were a little unkind; & had this not been so, there would scarcely have been standing room, we believe. As it was, the hall has never been better filled at any entertainment, & the band members well deserved a bumper house, for the treat they gave up showed they had ungrudgingly & unstintingly given both their time and their talents to prepare a most spicy program.

Ex-mayor McGregor was called to the chair. The band opened the ball with a finely executed piece of music. The chairman next gave, with good effect one of Mark Twain's inimitably grotesque comic readings, followed by Misses Cory, who sang a duet sweetly and well.

Mrs. Poole and Mr. Geo. Alcock rendered next some choice music in which equal justice was done to both instruments. A comic pantomime was next gone thro' with, showing a new wrinkle in the tonorial art, rhythmic shaving, with a catastrophe on top, wonderfully averted by the convex flappings of an umbrella. Next came some fine music with organ accompaniment by our genial townsman, Mr. Neville & son, followed by the screaming farce of "Handy Andy." His own mother would scarcely have recognized Mike as Mrs. O'Flaherty. Her scapegrace of a son, Handy Andy, getting into all conceivable scrapes, in the person of Mr. Wm. Rintoul, while Mr. F. Cope, bandmaster, was equally at home in the parts of master and postmaster. The council of 1883 was next resurrected by the members of the band for the amusement of the audience, and put through their facings, and they turned out to be a most melancholy and demoralized and dilapidated lot. The spick and span new council of 1884, who are to put a new face on things, were

impersonated by the same parties. This was a most enjoyable performance in which all the present members were travestied to the evident delight of the audience. The take-offs were thoroughly free from malice, no partiality being shown to one or another, and were enjoyed on that account all the more. We are inclined to think that had D.B. seen himself reflected so admirably in the person of Mr. Neville, he would have taken present arrangements a little harder.

Another good selection by our band, and a song by the Misses Cory, were followed by a couple of pieces finely rendered on cornet and violin by Messrs. Cope and G. Alcock. The song, "When Ye Gan' Awa' Jamie," by Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Wm. Rintoul brought down the house. The last farce was most admirably rendered by Messrs. Cope, Hubert and Rintoul, Mr. Cope acquitting himself "immensely". The concerted piece by Mrs. Poole and Mr. G. Alcock was well rendered. It received an encore, which the length of the program did not allow. Mr. Cory, in the name of the band, thanked the audience for their patronage, and intimated that they would give another performance shortly.

A parting piece from the band, followed by the audience singing "God Save the Queen," brought this most successful concert to a close.

(Editorial): A little legislation ought to be made go as great a way as possible in a new country like ours, because too much of it at the start is both uncalled for and expensive. Surely, when solid Ontario is crying against the complicated municipal machinery that runs its affairs, a province, many parts of which are from 50 to 100 years old, it is the worst for our rulers to pitchfork its municipal machinery into ours, as yet a thinly settled province, many parts of which want a few yrs. of being 10 years old, where, if representation by population was fairly carried out in the election of municipal officers, a great many of such would fail, to be filled by gophers and mice, which still form, in many townships, the unit of population. There is very little use in decrying senate

chambers and house of lords as effete institutions, alien to the progressive spirit of our time, if we are to have them reproduced broadcast over the country in the shape of County Councils. If one set of men cannot handle all the internal affairs of their respective districts, such ought to go without management; and slavish copying of the institutions of one country for the purpose of making them suit another, argues a poverty of invention or resource that is a striking contrast with boasted advantages that we always hold we possess over other countries. Let us have something of our own in the management of our internal affairs, in keeping with our advantages, that will at once be simple, safe and cheaply run; & let our ministers and legislators, who draw big salaries, show by superior quality of their work that they earn them.

A County Council, so far as Westbourne is concerned, is a piece of redundant legislation, productive of no benefit whatever. It just simply means paying two sets of officials to do what could be more than done by one set. It is bad enough to have to struggle on under disadvantages, not of our own making, like the railway monopoly, elevator ———, tariff dissemination, without having our own legislators add the few straws that will make the attempt to struggle on an impossible one. The country can't afford it, and ought not; the proper course to follow being to stave off all unnecessary municipal burdens to a day when our maturer growth can better afford to shoulder them.

((Editorial)): We call attention of the ratepayers of the County to the petition that is lying for signaures in the post office here to the Provincial Legislature, to do away with our County Council. As the establishment of such council is a piece of expensive, useless legislation, quite a few years ahead, to all appearances, of its time here, & as we all have hard enough work to pay for what we can't get along without, it is everyone's duty, as well as to his interests, to make an endeavour to sign it.

((Editorial)): From the account of the Municipal Council's doings in this issue it will be seen they have decided that each councillor shall hold one or more meetings in his ward for the purpose of laying clearly before the ratepayers the reasons why they find it necessary to submit a by-law, calling for \$10,000, to them. It is hoped that each ratepayer will be able to attend one or more meetings to hear from the lips of his own councillor, an un-

varnished tale, and so be able to vote in the way conducive to his own and the County's interests.

The attempt to stop our main industry at present - the wood business - is not a success. True, one or two will have a lesson taught them, to take time to provide themselves with permits before they commence; but they are a very few.

Those who have watches out of kilter, better give G. J. Clarke a call as he is able to make them go on standard time or any other time that's wanted. He also repairs jewellery and clocks. He will be found at Mr. Herron's store.

Our friend, Mr. Smalley, was after us the other day for not giving their school district credit for liberality in furnishing prizes to their scholars. This we now gladly do, and we take this opportunity of requesting some kindly soul (if any there be) thereupon to enlighten our more than dismal darkness re Westbourne affairs, by an occasional jotting.

Our old neighbor, Mr. Hugh Mustard, of Palestine, was married to Miss Catherine McLaughlin ((should be McLachlan, possibly)), eldest daughter of Mr. John McLaughlin, of Wellington ((Katrine)), Thursday last. Rev. D. Stalker performed the ceremony. The sweetness of his late-lamented consort's memory has kept him hitherto fighting, single-handed, with the cares of a young family, and now that he has entered again the double state, we wish him, and his esteemed partner, every happiness. We will not be considered partial when we say few are better fortified to admirably discharge the duties of a household than the partner of his choice.

RICHMOND: School closed 11th inst., on which date the examination was held. Most satisfactory results were shown, and all appeared to think that under Mr. Patterson's experienced management the children had made commendable progress. The prizes provided by the trustees were not on hand, so they are to be given on opening of school next month. Fred Rodgers and Annie Henry carried off Mr. Anderson's prizes for writing. Little George Hill made so much progress during the year as to be worthy of special mention. A prize given by Mr. House, of \$10, was carried off by Hugh Good. — A surprise party, the first of its kind ever held in this part, took place at J. Wilson's, Jumping Deer Creek recently, when a high old time was put in. — Mr. Rodgers is still busy hauling his wheat, oth-

er parties still holding off.

The choir of the Methodist church, Gladstone, will give a concert at Pine Creek on the evening of Wed., the ——. A great time is expected. Choir taken at 7 o'clock. Adm., 25c; children, half price. Proceeds in aid of organ fund.

WESTBOURNE COUNTY COUNCIL

The members elected to serve on this council met at 11 o'clock Tues. in Andrews' Hall; to wit, Reeve Smalley & Coun. Ferguson & Morrison, representing the county, and Mayor Claxton and Coun. Galloway, the town. Instructions had been received from the Provincial Secretary detailing the necessary steps to be taken in forming this upper council, which required the members-elect to file certificates from the Clerks of their councils that they were duly returned.

On these being handed in Reeve Smalley was appointed temporary chairman, to examine them, which he did, certifying to their correctness.

First business taken up was the selection of a Warden to preside at their deliberations. Reeve Smalley & Coun. Morrison were proposed respectively by Messrs. Morrison & Ferguson, and Claxton & Galloway. Coun. Morrison was elected by a majority of one to be Warden for the year. The Warden, on taking the chair, thanked the members for the confidence they reposed in electing him to the honorable office, and pledged himself to do his duty as far as it lay in his power, and urged upon the Council the propriety of endeavouring to make the new machine work as smoothly as possible.

A long discussion afterwards ensued as to the propriety of merging both offices that were necessary to be filled, in one person. Finally, the advisableness of keeping them meanwhile separate was decided on, and Mr. J. J. Herron was appointed Clerk at a salary of \$100 per annum. Mr. T. L. Morton, who had resigned the treasurership of Westbourne Mun., accepted the office of County treasurer at a salary of \$300. He likewise furnished securities to the amount of \$500 for the due performances of his duties, which the Council accepted.

Dr. Ferrier was appointed health inspector for the year at a salary of \$50., which includes all other fees that may be charged to the county.

Mr. Andrews' offer of the hall for Council's use at \$1.75 a day, fire and light when necessary, being supplied, was accepted.

A committee having been appointed to accept bonds of treasurer, the Clerk was instructed to write the other Clerks to the effect that the county treasurer was prepared to receive statements of all uncollected taxes.

Messrs. Galloway, Claxton & Ferguson were appointed a committee on finance.

Re the request to the local government about the Big Grass & Westbourne Marsh lands, it was thought advisable to wait until Premier Norquay's return from Ottawa, as to make arrangements about the lands formed a part of his business trip.

A seal was ordered to be procured for the Council's use.

It was decided not to take over the County's debenture liabilities at present date, and treasurer was instructed to open an account with the Bank of Montreal.

On motion of Messrs Smalley & Galloway remuneration for councillors was fixed at \$2.50 a day, and mileage 10c each way.

Council adjourned to meet on Tues. April 22 at 7 p.m.

((The report on the first meeting of the "County Council" as given above, is of special interest in that it was something new being implemented by the powers-that-be at Ottawa. And how quickly Editor Moodie was to spot its weaknesses, and to lambaste it editorially. Quite an editor for a small town! — In this issue also is a full report on the regular meeting of Westbourne Council, but listed here are only the Pathmasters and the Pound-keepers appointed; these mainly because "names" are provided & approximate locations of some farmers of that far-away day)).

PATHMASTERS

Ward 1: J. Chantler, J. J. Lackey, W. Bourdell.
Ward 2: N. Morrison.
Ward 3: J. Kerr, G. Kerr, H. Hall, W. A. Davis, J. Halliday, J. W. Drosst, J. Quin, G. Phillips.
Ward 4: P. Moir, J. Blackstock, J. McGhie, S. McAdam, R. McBrainie, T. Alcock.
Ward 5: O. McCrae, H. Mustard, D. Kerr, W. Ferguson, C. McDiarmid, T. L. Morton, Bruce, J. Leslie.
Ward 6: Jas. Lloyd, D. McConnell, A. Nicol, A. Dobbin, J. McLaughlin.

POUNDKEEPERS

Ward 1: C. Munro, J. J. Lackey, Maxime Villebrun.
Ward 2: N. Morrison.
Ward 3: G. F. Rodgers, J. Wilson.
Ward 4: E. Attrill.
Ward 5: C. McDiarmid.
Ward 6: A. Edgar, Wm. Ross.



Local Lassies Who Helped in the War Effort, 1914-1918

BACK ROW: Margaret McGregor; Mrs. Fraser Johnson; Una Williams; Emily Ferguson; Carrie Wood; Helena Williams; CENTRE: Corrine Singleton; Ella Anderson; Nell Williams; Alma Weaver; Mrs. Allan Collins, Regent; Mona Egan; Mrs. T. Egan; FRONT: Nellie Cathcart; Edith White; Ferne Grose, Sec. "The Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire" may sound like an impressive title but the young ladies were worthy of it. They had "served" well during the war as the Junior Red Cross and about 1918 or '19, becoming "grown up" they graduated into the I.O.D.E. Mrs. (Dr.) Warner was the first Regent, Mrs. Egan, second, and Mrs. Collins, third. Cyril Jessop, local photographer took the picture, a "Golden Oldie" indeed - though some of the lassies may protest. (Picture: kindness of Mrs. Ferne Schooley).